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The Deadly Toy Pistols.

The alarming number of deaths from lockjaw which have occurred among young people, and not a few of men, in various parts of the country, since the Fourth of July, as the result of the unprecedented use of giant crackers and toy pistols, is becoming a subject of general discussion in the press, and the result will likely be some stringent laws governing the manufacture and use of such explosives. One thing is certain, the toy pistol must be prohibited.

From many points daily there are chronicled terrible deaths resulting from punctures caused by the explosion of the little paper caps, which contain poisonous ingredients. Some of the pistols used required small cartridges which made a noise like a large cracker. Most of the deaths from lockjaw have been traced to these toys.

Saturday's New York Sun chronicles four additional deaths in that city on Friday others in surrounding communities, and other serious cases of lockjaw in the hospitals, every one of them due to small burns received in firing the pistols on Independence Day. Many of them were cases of young boys—the burns mostly on the hands developing into poisonous wounds and ending up with deaths in terrible agony. These reports do not come alone from New York; they are being reported from many points, the peculiar feature being that, although two weeks have passed since the Fourth, the results are just developing. Dispatches from several states give similar reports.

The Washington Star, commenting on this subject, reports that many victims of the toy pistol, the giant cracker and certain other explosives, which have sent tetanus germs into their systems are in the hospitals, with slight chances of recovery. Even the new serum treatment has not had much effect in the treatment of the cases. The Star pertinently says:

The primary cause of these tetanus cases seems to be the action of instruments snapping devices composed of some fulminating substance, ordinarily with a mercury base. Some of these fulminants contain poisonous ingredients, which, entering small punctures of the skin, cause irritation and often make greatly inflamed wounds. If into such a wound a tetanus germ should chance to be introduced the result is almost invariably the disease commonly known as lockjaw.

The germs of this disease are mysteriously frequent in certain localities, and are little understood by bacteriologists. The great danger is that the wounds caused by the little toy pistols are apt to be so insignificant at the time that they are not regarded seriously, for they heal quickly, thus leaving the poisons to themselves to work out their malevolent functions.

The Star holds that the time has come when efforts should be made to reduce the dangers attending the foolish custom of celebrating Independence Day in the barbaric manner which has developed in recent years at an insufferable degree, and the sale to small boys of new inventions with explosives that they do not know how to handle with safety to themselves and to others.

In Washington the size of giant crackers is, to be limited hereafter, and in several cities the manufacture and sale of toy pistols are to be prohibited. Of course it will be hard to enforce remedies, but if nothing better can be done, war should be made on the pistols. They seem harmless affairs, but the records of deaths from lockjaw from their use within the past few days is sufficient warrant for their prohibition by law.

May be "By Chance."

Senator Scott is quoted in a Washington dispatch as saying on his return there from his extensive western trip: "If, by any chance, Bryan is not nominated by the Democratic convention, I should not be surprised to see the west come in line for Senator Morgan, of Alabama, as the Presidential nominee. At any rate, it is worth your while to keep your eye on Senator Morgan." Mr. Scott is quoted as finding the western sentiment among Democrats for Senator Morgan due mainly to his progressiveness and his advocacy of important measures for the interest of our commercial expansion—notably in his advocacy of the Niagara canal project, his ardent support of Hawaiian annexation and his general all-around Americanism.

Senator Scott is a good political observer, his position on the National Republican committee and his large acquaintance in the western and southern states with the leading men of both parties, has given him some opportunities to know that the Bryan craze in

the Democratic party is not so intense as it was, nor has the silver question gained any strength whatever. Unquestionably, the tone of the press in the west and south, which carried the last Chicago convention for Bryan and his hobbies, indicates that a broader-minded leader is desired next year—one who does not ride a hobby, but whose experience of many years' leadership, and long career in the highest councils, bearing important part in the legislation of the country for many years as a United States senator, dignified, and progressive, would fit him for the presidential chair, should, through some strange and unlooked for circumstance, the Democrats stand a show of success.

From a Democratic standpoint, Senator Morgan might come nearer filling the bill than Mr. Bryan, with his lack of opportunity to demonstrate his statesmanship, and without training in public life. Mr. Morgan's legislative career has covered a wide field. He has served on many important committees, and has been always a leader in the debates on the Democratic side in the Senate. But the Democracy, in recent years, have not been selecting such men for the Presidency, and there may be little hope, so long as men with hobbies are pushing forward, for the choice of those who have earned their way to the front ranks in the lines of statesmanship. As Mr. Scott remarks, when the party gets back to that point it will only be by some chance.

The long expected street car strike is now on in Brooklyn, and already considerable violence has been done, and the police of Greater New York have a big job on their hands. While the strike did not reach the dimensions that the leaders expected, there is no telling how far it may go. The complaint of the men is that the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company has not lived up to the ten-hour law, and a claim of twenty cents per hour for over-time. The strike will attract the attention of the whole country on account of the big interests involved in so great a city, and the danger of it spreading outside the limits of Brooklyn. Judging from the great number of police already engaged in keeping order the outlook for trouble is by no means small.

The Intelligencer has in its possession a large, ugly, vicious looking black bug, answering the description of the famous "kissing bug." He is an enormous fellow, and is partially alive. The gentleman who captured him near the Stamm hotel declares he is a genuine article and another gentleman who has seen several of them came into the office and examined the capture and pronounced it genuine. The bug resembles the famous water bug. A description of the prisoner will be found elsewhere. Whether he is a genuine kissing bug or not he is a very dangerous looking affair and nobody dares touch his head, where the spear-shaped tongue occasionally shows itself.

Quite a number of robberies have been committed in the city and surrounding communities recently, several residences have been entered, and other attempts have been made. Attempts were made to enter three different residences in the Second ward after midnight Friday, one of the robbers being arrested after a chase by the police. The authorities are on the lookout, and it will be well for citizens also to take precautions to prevent the burglar from looking in.

An English agent has been buying up old territory in West Virginia and Ohio, and is said to have already invested \$5,000,000, according to well-authenticated accounts. West Virginia's international reputation as an oil field has been attracting capital from a good many sources lately.

The storm period is hanging on well. Rains and winds have been giving us little rest for considerably more than a week. Even the circus had to take its share, both afternoon and night. Saturday, and, remarkable to say, it didn't seem to have any effect on the attendance. The animals had to be seen, rain or shine.

A Sunday thunder storm was one of the features of yesterday, and a vast amount of water fell. The streets had the appearance of running streams for quite a while, and the people in the open cars caught it hard.

POINTED PARAGRAPHS.

Everybody in the world depends upon somebody else.

The reckless balloonist is apt to take one drop too much.

The owner sometimes discovers that the mare makes the money go.

It is a sign of spring when the gun clubs put forth their shots.

"I will," is the motto of Chicago. "I can," is the motto of the fruit preserver.

Every man has a right to his own jaw, but he has no right to give it to other people.

Some people were evidently born tired and some for the purpose of making others tired.

A man may be a good judge of cloth, yet when he buys a suit he generally gets worried.

A great deal of our modern poetry seems to have been written by persons addicted to the cigarette habit.

When the minister adds one and one the total is one; when the divorce judge takes one from one the remainder is two.

A would-be funny man says there is no such thing as an imitation base ball diamond. Perhaps not; but there are a lot of imitation players in the business.—Chicago Daily News.

Defense of "Kissing Bug."

Chicago Daily News: The old proverb about giving a dog a bad name and then hanging him or otherwise disposing of him may also be applied to bugs. Some of the latter are useful, a few ornamental and all of them are interesting to the scientist.

That bugs are addicted to kissing is a recent discovery—or, perhaps it would be better to say invention. For, after a nine-days' wonder about its osculatory exploits, the "kissing bug" yesterday found a champion and defender. Prof. Choate, of the Field museum, as reported in the Daily News, may be said to have done largely justice to the harmless "kissing bug," which, the professor explains, is a "semi-tropical creature, found in plenty in Kentucky, and he rarely leaves the borders of that state. His function," adds the professor, "is in nature to destroy the large worms which infest cotton plants. He is a very useful member of society, and cotton-growers would not think of killing him."

The Kentucky citizenship of the "kissing bug" effectually disposes of the

story of its newly developed propensity. The monstrosities pictures was first heard of in its new role at Washington, D. C. That a Kentucky bug of osculatory habits would leave a state noted for its beautiful women and begin a career at Washington City is not reasonable. That he should come to Chicago, granting that he has started on the new career ascribed to him, would be natural, considering the many attractions in his line this city has to offer. But unfortunately for the maligners of an honest bug, Prof. Choate says it always makes a practice of keeping away from human beings, and he very prosaically ascribes to "spiders" the effects heretofore attributed to the slandered bug.

In addition, the professor has as yet been unable to find in the varied selection of bugs daily offered for his inspection a single "kissing bug." Any person having one of the latter can secure a place for it in the Field museum as a curiosity. And thus science comes to the aid of virtue, and the Kentucky bug will hereafter be permitted to go its way and attend to its legitimate functions in protecting the cotton crop, no longer disturbed by the slanderous reports lately set in circulation as to its supposed habit.

VILLAGE EMPLOYMENT

The Larger Towns in the Vicinity Have Absorbed Local Industries.

Indianapolis Journal: A few weeks since the Journal called attention to an article in the North American Review, entitled "The Curse of Education," in which the writer attributed to our system of public education the increasing number of people who are idlers because they have been led to seek employments which will enable them to live without manual labor. The drift of the article was to show that our system of public instruction unites the young for those general employments which are essential to the well-being of any community. The writer complains that while a considerable number of persons could be found in villages who could teach schools or engage in some of the professions, it was impossible to find a carpenter, a cobbler, a blacksmith, or other mechanic who could do a good job of work. In the July number of the North American Review is a reply to this attack upon our public schools by Mrs. Van Rensselaer, who shows that it is not the overeducation in the high schools of which Mrs. Davy made complaint, which is responsible for a class of people who are "too good to work," since comparatively few of those who attend the public schools ever enter or graduate from the high schools. The figures presented in the reply show that in several eastern cities at least 92 per cent of the children attending schools do not enter the high schools, but are put at work by their parents.

If there are more idle men in villages now than formerly, it is due to the fact that the larger towns in the vicinity have absorbed the industries which were once ideal. The village shoemaker is no more, because the shoe factory with its machinery, can make a really better shoe for a less price than the mechanic who did everything by hand. The harvesting machinery has taken the place of armies of laborers. In the villages near large towns the larger establishments and the railroads have taken the business, because they can do it cheaper. It will be found that considerable villages within twenty or thirty miles of a city like Indianapolis no longer have bakers, because those who retail bread can purchase it cheaper of the extensive bakeries in the city. Not many years ago the butcher in the village slaughtered and cured the meat he sold. Now the farmer sells to dealers, who in turn sell at the large stockyards, and the dealer in the village purchases his meats from the packers who do everything by machine. So with other branches of industry. Articles which were once made in the homes or in the villages are now manufactured exclusively by the larger producers in cities, who have capital to introduce labor-saving machinery. Not many years ago there was a carriage factory in every village, but they have passed away, because they cannot compete with the extensive establishments, and the repair shop is all that remains. Inherent aversion to earning bread in the sweat of the face, not the education of the common school, is responsible for the loafers in village, country, and city. There is a good deal of land in the vicinity of villages, and the village is the center of systems of electric roads which are certain to connect the villages and the farmers with the larger cities seem to promise much for both. There are many people in the cities who will choose the village for their homes when the cheaper transportation of the electric railway, at convenient hours, will enable them to attend to employment in the city.

Time.

You of dhot-footing
Reprobate,
Why don't you wait
A while?

You take a vacation?
Quit
Your endless treadmill gait
And give a fellow
A chance
To catch up with himself.

You grab a man
By the back of his neck
And throw him into
The middle of the next century
Before he is old enough
To know how to handle
His thinking machine.

And then blame him
For landing on his frontal outlines
And getting all scarred up.

You face him
With an eight-day alarm clock
And hoodoo him into thinking
There is an overtone
Between the windings:
But every tick drives a nail
Into his coffin.

And he turns gray-headed
While you run.

He eats dirt
And swears rags,
And calls it civilization,
Because he is dazed
From bumping along
In the trail of the dust you make
While dragging him
With a rope around his neck,
You old whirlwind!

Confound you!
You rope him
And he has to be
A mulattoed,
Amblytropic,
Iron-hearted,
Acrobatic

To land on his feet
Once in a thousand years
Or knock out
A precarious living!

Stop it.
And give a man a chance
To clean the sand out of his eyes!

—Chicago Record.

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The woman who prays for her husband may not have any better luck than the one who scolds hers, but she is a lot more comfortable to live with.

Every woman believes her husband is a mathematical genius until their 12-year-old boy tackles him and wipes up the carpet with him.

When a man is in love with a woman he is always wanting to give her something; the only thing a woman wants to give the man she loves is herself.—New York Press.

PASSING PLEASANTRIES.

More Information—Tommy—Say, pa. Mr. Figg—Well? Tommy—How big is the universe? Mr. Figg—As big as all outdoors, of course.—Indianapolis Journal.

One View—She—What is the meaning of making friends of the mammon of unrighteousness? He—Well, a—getting them to subscribe for the benefit of the church.—Puck.

"A young man," said Uncle Eben, "kin git all de help he wants when he's 'sowin' wild oats. But hands allus seems scarce when it comes to de habd work 'o harvestin'."—Washington Star.

Mr. Kidby—Who is making that infernal jangle on the piano. Mrs. Kidby—That is Constance at her exercise. Mr. Kidby—Well, for heaven's sake, tell her to get her exercise some other way.—Puck.

"Freddie," said his mother, severely, "didn't I tell you that you shouldn't ride your bicycle to-day because you were naughty?" "This isn't my bicycle," said Freddy; "it's Tommy Jones's. We've exchanged just for to-day."—Harper's Bazar.

Mrs. Newham—Oh, John, there was such a tender-hearted tramp here to-day. Mr. Newham—Tender-hearted? Mrs. N.—Yes, I asked him to weed the garden to pay for the dinner I had given him and he said he was a botanist, and that it hurt his feelings to destroy living plants.—Brooklyn Life.

Kate—There seems to be a coolness between Harry and Hetty. Bertha—Yes; they had a little tiff and she said she had about up her mind to enter a convent and take the veil, and Harry said it would become her style of beauty wonderfully, and now they won't even look at one another.—Boston Transcript.

May Life With the Old Folks—And so you are about to lose a member of your family," said the old friend, who had just heard of the approaching marriage of the daughter of the house. "Well, I am not quite certain about that." replied the old gentleman. "Just at present I can't figure out whether I'm to lose a daughter or merely acquire a son-in-law."—Chicago Evening Post.

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